(c) when these ceiling prices and non-ceiling prices of formulations were reduced in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that prices of most of the formulations were not deliberately reduced to give benefit to the producers; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to fix responsibility for this laps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Already answered in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1668 answered on 12th September, 1991.

(c) The reduction of the notified prices of the bulk drug at a given point of time does not necessarily bring down the formulation prices. The prices of formulations are dependant on various other factors like the prices of combination bulk drug, packing material, excepient ceilings and the notified conversion cost and packing charges ruling in the respective time period.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Drugs under Price Control

1329. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of drugs being marketed in the country and how many are under price control;

(b) what are the names of drugs which are exempted from price control and for which Government are monitoring the production;

(c) what was the production of each during the last two years ending on 31st October, 1991;

(d) what are the names of price decontrol drugs which are covered under wholesale price index;

(e) what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the price at present;

(f) whether it is a fact that producer has to provide break-up under price control order the basis and working out the prices of price decontrolled drugs; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) About 70 per cent of the drugs marketed in the country are price-controlled.

(b) All drugs excepting those included in Schedule-I and Schedule-II of DPCO, 1987 are exempt from price control.

(c) to (e) The time and labour involved in collection and compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. DPCO, 1987 provides for furnishing of details in Forms 1-A and 2-A in respect of non-scheduled bulk drugs and formulations respectively.

Whole-sale Price Index of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals

1330. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the whole sale price index of drugs and pharmaceuticals on 1st April, 1990 and on 31st October, 1991;

(b) what are the names of drugs on which wholesale price index is based;

(c) what is the indication for which each is used;

(d) what was the production of each drug during 1990-91;

(e) what are the names of drugs which are under price control and what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price;